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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

Claim ~~21~~ (Currently Amended): A fabric structure for making bags comprising:

- a. a fabric base sheet having a front surface adapted to be disposed on the outside of a bag and a back surface;
- b. a polymeric backing layer containing styrenic block copolymers, said polymeric backing layer having a front bonding surface bonded to the back surface of the fabric base sheet and a ~~back-back~~ surface; and
- c. a protective layer made by coating a surface treating agent onto the polymeric backing layer, said protective layer having an inner surface bonded to the back surface of the polymeric backing layer and an outer surface ~~adapted to be disposed on the inside of a bag~~;
- d. wherein the surface treating agent contains a modified styrenic block copolymer material,

silicone, isophthalic acid, tetraisopropyl titanate, and toluene.

2 Claim ~~22~~ (Previously Presented): The fabric structure according to claim ~~21~~¹ further comprising a viscous layer sandwiched between the fabric base sheet and the polymeric backing layer.

3 Claim ~~23~~ (Previously Presented): The fabric structure according to claim ~~22~~² wherein the viscous layer is made of viscous material containing styrenic block copolymer, viscosity improver, additive, and processing oil or butanone.

4 Claim ~~24~~ (Previously Presented): The fabric structure according to claim ~~21~~¹ wherein the styrenic block copolymer of the polymeric backing layer is selected from the group consisting of styrene-butadiene-styrene block copolymers, styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene block copolymers, styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymers, styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene block copolymers, and mixtures thereof.

5 Claim ~~25~~ (Previously Presented): The fabric structure as claimed in claim ~~21~~¹ wherein the surface treatment agent contains urethane polymer material.

6 Claim ~~26~~ (Previously Presented): The fabric structure according to claim ~~25~~⁵ wherein a pigment is added to the urethane polymer material.

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✓ Claim ~~27~~ (Previously Presented): The fabric structure according to claim ~~27~~¹ wherein a pigment is added to the styrenic block copolymer surface treating agent.

Claims 28-34 (Canceled)

8 Claim ~~35~~ (New): A fabric structure for making bags comprising:

- a. A fabric base having a front surface and a back surface;
- b. A polymeric backing layer containing styrenic block copolymers, said polymeric backing layer having a front bonding surface bonded to the back surface of the fabric base sheet and a back surface; and
- c. A protective layer made by coating a surface treating agent onto the polymeric backing layer, said protective layer having an inner surface bonded to the back surface of the polymeric backing layer and an outer surface, the surface treating agent containing styrenic block copolymer material, wax and toluene;
- d. A viscous layer sandwiched between the fabric base sheet and the polymeric backing layer, the viscous layer being made of viscous material containing

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additives and processing oil or butanone.